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Subject: my thoughts on DOJ vs MS

Are you using linux or unix operating system to trying to figure out the penalty against microsoft...i bet you're using a microsoft os....are you using star office for linux as your word processor or microsoft word?.... probably ms word.....are you using netscape or internet explorer to send e-mail regarding microsoft will you attempt to screw them?....probably internet explorer. I just wanted to point out that Linux, star office and netscape are all free software that you can get from the internet. Microsoft Windows is something that you need to pay for microsoft internet explorer is in the windows program but again you paid for it...(and the price wasn't low by the way), microsoft word is something that you paid for too.

I don't understand why everyone is going against microsoft when you had to pay for their products and everyone else gives their stuff away for free. Microsoft may bundle things together but shouldn't the fact that one had to pay for microsoft products be a deterent to help the other companies keep up with microsoft. Most people don't know how to use computers, so they would rather pay microsoft to put everything together for them than put it together themselves....they don't know how to set up an Operating system, they don't know how to install software like staroffice or netscape...or they are just to lazy to learn how to do it.

Red Hat Linux operating system has a graphical user interface (gui) that looks just like windows, i don't see anyone going after red hat linux. The reason you're going after microsoft is because microsoft is bigger than, and run better than the government. microsoft influences the world with it's software. you make it seem like MS is run by the mafia or something with all these illegal practices. The fact is some people got mad that Bill Gates is richer and more powerful than they were and they are trying to knock him down a few pegs. I think microsoft is doing the general non-computer using public a favor by intergrating all of these products together.

As an example of what i mean...today, go out and get a computer with linux installed....get yourself a copy of star office from the internet....install netscape and see how terrible it is now that it's made by AOL(time/warner)(which i can't believe that you allowed that company to get so big...when are you going to go after them). After you get so mad that you can't get anything to work properly, you'll thank God that microsoft put everything together for you so you didn't have to.

PS. Anyone who recieves this can forward it to whom ever they please. I tried to send it to Bill Gates also, but I expect it will fail. If it gets to someone who has the ability to forward it to Bill, please do so. Thank you.

PPS. I teach computers. If it wasn't for Microsoft, I wouldn't have a roof over my family's head, food on the table, or a car in the driveway, or a job to go to. No one has yet to sign up for a linux class but my microsoft classes always seem to have someone in the seats. Thank you Bill and thank you microsoft...Keep up the good work.

PPPS. This email is not biased for microsoft because i teach their classes either. I make low wages for the computer and teaching fields. I just really enjoy what I am doing.

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